

# BOARD OF NURSING

## 12 Member Board

Board Composition				
Board Positions	Appointing Body	Length of Terms	Meetings	Reappointment Requirements
1 Associate Degree or Diploma Nurse Educator Member 1 Baccalaureate Nurse Educator Member 1 Clinical Nurse Specialist, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Certified Nurse Practitioner-Anesthetist, or Certified Nurse Midwife Member 2 Consumer Members 2 Nursing Service Administrator Members 1 Practical Nurse Educator Member 2 Practical Nurse Members 2 Staff Nurse Members	Board of Health	4 years	12 per year	No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board of Nursing. Any board member initially appointed for less than a full term shall be eligible to serve for two additional consecutive full terms.

Board Membership Status					
Board Members	Position On Board	Congressional District	Type of Care	Effective Date of Term(s)	Date Term(s) Expire
Mary Alice Erickson Megel, PhD Omaha, NE	Baccalaureate Nurse Educator Member	2		12/02/2002	12/01/2006
Dawn Nickel, LPN Lincoln, NE (Initial term of D Nickel to fill unexpired term of Judy Balka who resigned 7/14/05)	Practical Nurse Member	1	Long-Term	11/21/2005	12/01/2006
Mary A. Bunker, RN Minden, NE	Staff Nurse Member	3	Acute	12/02/2002	12/01/2006
Nancy S. Gondringer, CRNA Lincoln, NE	Clinical Nurse Specialist, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Certified Nurse Practitioner-Anesthetist, or Certified Nurse Midwife Member	1		12/02/2003	12/01/2007
Sandra L. Mann Burwell, NE	Consumer Member	3		12/02/2003	12/01/2007
Jacqueline K. Ross Omaha, NE	Nursing Service Administrator Member	2	Community-Based	12/02/2003	12/01/2007
Joyce D. Bunker Omaha, NE	Consumer Member	2		12/02/1997 12/02/2000 12/02/2004	12/01/2000 12/01/2004 12/01/2008
Lori Jane Smith, RN, BSN Mitchell, NE (Initial term of L Smith to fill unexpired term of Valerie Fredericksen who resigned 12/16/05)	Nursing Service Administrator Member	3	Acute	05/15/2006	12/01/2008
Deanna L. Lloyd, LPN Roca, NE	Practical Nurse Member	1	Community-Based	12/02/2004	12/01/2008
Marcella (Marcy) J. Echternacht, RN LaVista, NE	Associate Degree or Diploma Nurse Educator Member	2		01/28/2002 12/01/2005	12/01/2005 12/01/2009
Crystal R. Higgins, RN Beatrice, NE	Practical Nurse Educator Member	1		12/02/2005	12/01/2009
Julie A. Brauer, RN Eustis, NE (Initial term of J Brauer to fill unexpired term of Laura Stanek who resigned 1/26/2005)	Staff Nurse Member	3	Acute	11/21/2005 12/02/2005	12/01/2005 12/01/2009

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<b>ALL BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS SHALL BE EQUALLY REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD, AND EACH MEMBER SHALL HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FROM WHICH HE OR SHE IS APPOINTED FOR THE PAST YEAR</li> </ul>
Associate Degree or Diploma Nurse Educator Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed as a Registered Nurse in Nebraska</li> <li>Graduate with a master's degree in nursing</li> <li>Minimum of five (5) years experience in administration, teaching, or consultation in nursing education</li> <li>Employed as an associate degree or diploma nurse educator (current employment means having practiced no less than two thousand hours in the last two (2) years)</li> </ul>
Baccalaureate Nurse Educator Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed as a Registered Nurse in Nebraska</li> <li>Graduate with a master's degree in nursing</li> <li>Minimum of five (5) years experience in administration, teaching, or consultation in nursing education</li> <li>Employed as a baccalaureate nurse educator (current employment means having practiced no less than two thousand hours in the last two (2) years)</li> </ul>
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Certified Nurse Practitioner-Anesthetist (CRNA), or Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed or Certified as an APRN, CRNA, CNM, or Registered Nurse (CNS) in Nebraska</li> <li>Graduate with a master's degree in nursing</li> <li>Minimum of five (5) years experience as an APRN, CRNA, CNM, or CNS</li> <li>Employed as a APRN, CRNA, CNM, or CNS (current employment means having practiced no less than two thousand hours in the last two (2) years)</li> </ul>
Consumer Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A resident of Nebraska</li> <li>Voting age</li> <li>SHALL NOT have been involved in providing health care services in this state for the last three (3) years</li> </ul>
Nursing Service Administrator Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed as a Registered Nurse in Nebraska</li> <li>Minimum of five (5) years experience in nursing service administration</li> <li>Employed in nursing service administration (current employment means having practiced no less than two thousand hours in the last two (2) years)</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: The nursing service administrators, the staff nurses, and the licensed practical nurses shall be equally representative of acute care, long-term care, and community-based care.</p>
Practical Nurse Educator Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed as a Registered Nurse in Nebraska</li> <li>Graduate with a baccalaureate degree in nursing or a related field of study</li> <li>Minimum of three (3) years experience in administration, teaching, or consultation in practical nurse education</li> <li>Employed as a practical nurse educator (current employment means having practiced no less than two thousand hours in the last two (2) years)</li> </ul>
Practical Nurse Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed four years of high school study</li> <li>Licensed as a Practical Nurse in Nebraska</li> <li>Obtained a certificate or diploma from a state-approved practical nursing program</li> <li>Actively engaged in practical nursing for the past five (5) years</li> <li>Employed in the provision of patient care services (current employment means having practiced no less than two thousand hours in the last two (2) years)</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: The nursing service administrators, the staff nurses, and the licensed practical nurses shall be equally representative of acute care, long-term care, and community-based care.</p>
Staff Nurse Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed as a Registered Nurse in Nebraska</li> <li>Minimum of five (5) years experience in nursing</li> <li>Employed as a staff nurse in the provision of patient care services (current employment means having practiced no less than two thousand hours in the last two (2) years)</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: The nursing service administrators, the staff nurses, and the licensed practical nurses shall be equally representative of acute care, long-term care, and community-based care.</p>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Individuals employed by the legislative or judicial department of Nebraska state government are not eligible to serve on a professional licensing board because these boards exercise power within the executive branch of Nebraska state government. The Nebraska constitution precludes an individual employed by one department from exercising power properly belonging to either of the other two departments.

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### Statutory Authority for Creation of this Board

The statutes that provide authority for creation of this Board are: 71-1,132.07, 71-1,132.08

To obtain a copy of these statutes, please contact the Credentialing Division at (402) 471-2115 or you may view them on the Credentialing Division website at:

[www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/statutes/nrsgnurspracactstat.pdf](http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/statutes/nrsgnurspracactstat.pdf)

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### General Information About the Board of Nursing and Becoming a Board Member

You may view information on when Board Meetings are scheduled, Minutes from Board Meetings, and How to Become a Board Member on the Credentialing Division website at:

[www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/crlindex.htm](http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/crlindex.htm)